RBI has also cut the policy rate aggressively, in terms of both magnitude and pace, to signal lower interest rate regime. The bank lending rates, which had firmed up upto October, 2008, have started easing since November, 2008. Since November, 2008, all public sector banks (PSBs), several private sector banks and some foreign banks have reduced their deposit and lending rates. The magnitude of reduction by PSBs has been larger than that by foreign and private sector banks. During this period, the Benchmark Prime Lending Rates of PSBs have come down by around 75-225 basis points and those for private sector banks by around 100 basis points.

Further, to ensure adequate credit to the needy sectors of the economy, Government and RBI have also issued advisories to the banks to allow drawl of sanctioned working capital limits and term loans. As on the first reporting Friday of the year 2009, the year-on-year bank credit has increased by 24% vis-a-vis 21.4% year-on-year increase during the corresponding period last year. The perception of lack of credit availability may be attributed to reduced flow of funds from non-bank sources, notably the capital market and external commercial borrowings.

FFIs in the Indian share market

†1060. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1,609 Foreign Financial Institutions (FFIs) have been registered in the share market of the country as of now;

(b) if not, the exact number thereof;

(c) whether capital has also been invested by them in various sectors of Indian share market in the year 2008;

(d) if so, the amount of capital invested in every sector; and

(e) the number of these Foreign Financial Institutions (FFIs); country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) SEBI registers Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) under he SEBI (Foreign Institutional Investors) Regulations, 1995. As per the latest information available, the number of FIIs registered as on 17.02.2009. is 1618.

(c) and (d) Net investment by FII in year 2008 remained negative to the tune of US$10 billion. However, SEBI does not monitor sector wise investments made by the FIIs.

(e) The information on the country wise distribution on 1618 FIIs is given in the Statement.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Country-wise details of FIIs

FIIs Country-wise — Alphabetical Order

Sl. No.	Country	No. of FII
1	2	3
1.	Australia	60
2.	Austria	4
3.	Bahamas	3
4.	Bahrain	1
5.	Belgium	1
6.	Bermuda	6
7.	British Virgin Islands	4
8.	Brunei	1
9.	Brussels	1
10.	Canada	64
11.	Cayman Islands	17
12.	Channel Islands	7
13.	Chile	1
14.	China	5
15.	Cook Islands	1
16.	Cyprus	1
17.	Denmark	20
18.	Finland	6
19.	France	27
20.	Germany	17
21.	Gibraltar	1
22.	Great Britain	253
23.	Guernsey	1
24.	Hong Kong	65

1	2	3
25.	Ireland	61
26.	Italy	9
27.	Japan	11
28.	Kenya	1
29.	Kuwait	3
30.	Luxembourg	101
31.	Malaysia	17
32.	Mauritius	76
33.	Netherlands	33
34.	New Zealand	2
35.	Norway	7
36.	Oman	6
37.	Philippines	1
38.	Poland	1
39.	Qatar	2
40.	Republic to Malta	1
41.	Republic of Slovenia	1
42.	Saudi Arabia	2
43.	Singapore	73
44.	South Africa	2
45.	South Korea	25
46.	Spain	2
47.	Sweden	10
48.	Switzerland	24
49.	Talwan	13
50.	Thailand	1
51.	Trinidad And Tobago	1
52.	United Arab Estimates	15
53.	United States of America	550
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37.	Spain	2
38.	Bahrain	1
39.	Belgium	1
40.	Brunei	1
41.	Brussels	1
42.	Chile	1
43.	Cook Islands	1
44.	Cyprus	1
45.	Gibraltar	1
46.	Guernsey	1
47.	Kenya	1
48.	Philippines	1
49.	Poland	1
50.	Republic of Malta	1
51.	Republic of Slovenia	1
52.	Thailand	1
53.	Trinidad And Tobago	1
	TOTAL	1618